



Maryland Youth Advisory Council  
c/o Governor's Office for Children  
100 Community Place,  
Crownsville, MD 21032

Noureen Badwi, *Chair*  
Carmelli Leal, *Vice-Chair*  
Aidan Douglas, *Secretary*  
Christina Drushel Williams, *Advisor*

**General Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2019  
Governor's Coordinating Offices  
100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032**

**In Attendance**

Council Members:

Zahra Allidina  
Noureen Badwi  
Nina Bundy  
Crisaly De Los Santos  
Kamri Gooding

Carmelli Leal  
Marvin Li  
Maya Matava (Virtual)  
Malachi Macon (Virtual)  
Kennedy Smith  
Sean Woolums

Guests:

Alicia Brown

Staff:

Christina Drushel Williams

**Introduction**

- Meeting called to order at 1:07 PM
- Members introduced themselves and shared favorite costume
- Approval of the agenda
  - All in favor
- Approval of the minutes
  - All in favor

**Energizer**

- Ms. Christina reviewed parliamentary procedure chart
- Marvin moved to have the chart provided at all the meetings for reference
  - second from Crisaly
  - All in favor
- Moved into the cahoot
  - The winner was Malachi, second was Nina, third was Marvin

**Education Regulations**

- Noureen Badwi recused herself from the discussion due to position on the Maryland State Board of Education.
- Carmelli Leal as Vice-Chair assumed the role of Chair and presided over the discussion.
- Ms. Christina gave background information on the education regulation
  - During previous Community Conversations, members and participants have discussed the need for greater equity in education and recognizing the needs of all students, including LGBTQ students.
  - Additional topics have included reforming health education to include a greater focus on contraceptive methods and noting that current sex education classes only cover vaginal intercourse and do not mention other types of sex and same-sex sex.
  - The proposed education regulations are an opportunity to create a more equitable and inclusive education system and curriculum for LGBTQ students.
- Marvin moved to support education regulation
  - Nina seconded

- Discussion from Crisaly, Nina, Marvin, and Kamri
- Motion passed
  - All in favor except for Noureen (abstention)
- Marvin moved to support the program in comprehensive health education regulation
  - Nina seconded
  - Discussion from Crisaly, Kennedy, Marvin, and Nina
  - Kennedy moved to amend the support to support the whole except for “teaching shall emphasize that refraining from sexual activity is the best method to avoid sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and unintended pregnancy.”
    - Discussion
    - Amendment passed
      - All in favor except for Noureen (abstention)
  - Motion passed
    - Abstention by Noureen
  - Wordsmithing for recommendation will be done via e-vote
  - Draft will be done by Ms. Christina and Carmelli
- Letters of support will be based on letter from the Baltimore City Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ Affairs, and the Baltimore City LGBTQ Commission
- Letters of support will be submitted to the Board of Education for the October 22nd meeting. There may be an opportunity for members of the COuncil to attend as a show of support for the regulations. Ms. Christina will share more information as available.

#### **Results and Indicators Youth Focus Group Planning**

- Initial information from Ms. Christina and Noureen
- Discussion of format and other event logistics
  - Most people liked the format of round table discussion with a large group
  - Weekend, early afternoon - doodle poll will be sent out for Council member availability
  - More work done through public awareness committee to promote the event
  - Ms. Christina will provide training and support for council members
  - Logistics will be confirmed on planning calls and through e-votes
- Focus Group will need to be completed before the November 18th Workgroup meeting

#### **Vaping Discussion and Project Planning**

- Background information from Ms. Christina
  - Glenn Fueston, Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention reached out to Ms. Christina to know if they Council would be interested in leading a youth-focused vaping project. Funding will be available.
    - Vaping has been discussed by the Council through community conversations and discussions with the Children’s Cabinet.
    - Last year, the Council worked with the Maryland Dental Action Coalition to create a youth-focused infographic, discussed messaging for an awareness campaign, op-ed in Coalition newsletter
- Marvin moved to create an ad hoc committee
  - Motion passed
- The committee will create an action plan to be approved at the November meeting and presented to Mr. Fueston
  - How to use all the funds responsibly
  - Research on current campaigns (MD Dental Action Coalition, MD Department of Health, Howard County effort)
  - Thinking about public awareness media campaign

- Flyers in bathrooms
  - Social media
- Kennedy suggested materials about how to quit or get help for vaping. Also materials about how to cope with stress and use alternative stress relief/management and not vaping
- Community conversations could be used to share information or as focus groups for material development
- Funding could help to support smaller youth-driven initiatives through small grant awards (\$500)
- Provide recognition for current programs/initiatives
- Look at school programs and deterrents
- Digital resource center
  - Draft resources or share resources
- Large event, similar to Governor's School Safety Tipline Event
  - Share resources
  - Governor, Secretary of Health, Mr. Fueston
  - Roundtable discussion
  - Empowerment for youth

### **Community Conversation Exercise**

- Kennedy moved to move the community conversation exercise to the November meeting
  - All in Favor

### **Announcements**

- Executive Board and Appointed Officer Positions
  - Technology Officer - Kamri Gooding
  - Historian - Maggie Harkins
  - Executive Board Members
    - Alex Xhane
    - Malachi Macon
    - Jesse Harris, Jr.
    - Maya Matava
    - Marvin Li
    - Remaining positions will be filled once all Council members are appointed
- Legislative Platform Review and Priority Vote
  - During the November meeting, the council will review and approve the 2019-20 Legislative Platform and select its Legislative Priority.
  - Members must submit amendments to the platform prior to the meeting, only submitted amendments will be considered in the discussion.
  - Members will also submit suggested priority areas to be discussed during the November meeting.
- Travel Expense Reports
  - If you would like to receive reimbursement for your mileage and tolls, please complete the expense form provided by Ms. Christina
  - Members must submit an original hardcopy with signature of the form and receipt of toll to Ms. Christina within 30 days.
- Maryland United for Youth Conference

- Ms. Christina, Noureen, Carmelli, and Maya will be representing the Council at the conference on November 4-5.
- Members will participate in a youth-led session to discuss ways adult allies and other youth development professionals can better serve and work alongside young people. What are adults not getting right? What needs to be better?
- Social Media Update
  - There is no update regarding a MYAC Instagram account.
- Children's Cabinet Liaisons
  - Members who are interested in serving as a liaison to Children's Cabinet can complete an interest form ranking your top 3 agencies to serve.
  - Members will be expected to connect monthly with their agency representative and include information in a report-out to be included in the monthly Council meetings.
- Additional Announcements
  - Other council appoints (Speaker of the House, USMSC, and MHEC SAG) to be made soon
  - Emphasis on autonomy for committee
  - Council organization suggestions
    - Slack, google drive, base camp, etc
    - Kamri as Tech Officer will explore options. If you have suggestions please contact her.
  - Goal setting for positions - a form will be included in the follow-up email to members
  - Legislative forums toward the beginning of session and crossover day
    - Legislative Committee can think about what those would look like and Advocacy Day

### **Committee Breakout Session**

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 PM**